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In re: Michalowski, et al.
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For: **MATRIX ATTACHMENT REGIONS**

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

June 18, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

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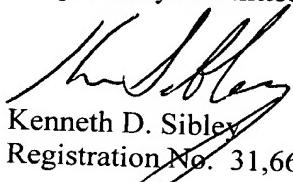
Related Applications

The present application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/066,118, filed 6 August 1997 and United States Application Serial No. 09/122,400, filed 24 July 1998, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference as if set forth fully; the International Application was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English.

REMARKS

It is submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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